

Messianism

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What is Messianism?

1. The emergence of a figure of salvation often called the “messiah.”
2. The name “messiah” emerged from the Hebrew “*mesiah*” which generally means “anoint”, thus, “anointed” or as a substantive “anointed one.”
3. The Greek word “*Christos*” arose from the Hebrew word “*mesiah*.”
4. The “messiah” is interpreted in many different ways, examples are...
 - King/Ruler (Psalm 2:2)
 - Priest (Leviticus 8:10-12)
 - Warrior
 - Judge

How Does Politics Play a Role in Messianism?

1. The Davidic Promise (2 Samuel 7)

- God promises David that the Messiah would come down to Israel and establish a kingdom that would stand forever.
- 2 Samuel 7:10 “And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning.”
- 2 Samuel 7:12-13 “When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

How Does Politics Play a Role in Messianism?

The overall ideology that the Israelites were the chosen people of God, and that the Messiah would come again to save them from political corruption.

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